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(From Our Own Correspondent).

CANTON, January 9.

It is reported in the newspapers here that the British Consul-General for Canton has proposed to Viceroy Chang that a Mixed Court, similar to that of Shanghai, be established on the Shamens.

The Viceroy has wired about the proposal to Peking but no answer has yet been received.

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which has come to the front lately on their

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which the staging was carried out, while

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mention. Hongkongites must thank

the staff of the Dock Company for the

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for the convenience of those attending the

performances. Why not give a third per-

formance at a later date? The idea is cer-

tainly worth consideration. Perhaps it

would even be advisable to reproduce the

piece in Hongkong if proper arrangements

could be made.

THE STOWAWAY CASE.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared before Mr.

J. H. Kemp, at the Magistracy, to-day,

and asked his Worship if he would grant a

rehearing of the case in which twenty

Chinese were sentenced on Monday to nine

months hard labour for being stowaways

on the S. S. Eastern, with a view to a

reduction of the sentence.

His Worship.—It is a very serious offence.

Mr. Gardiner.—I don't think the circum-

stances were altogether explained to your

Worship.

His Worship.—They were not of the

important class.

Mr. Gardiner.—I understand they paid

about \$800 in all, thinking they were

getting a cheap passage to Australia. I

think the owners would not wish for such

a sentence especially if it becomes known

amongst the Chinese.

His Worship.—They pressed for more

than that. Without granting a rehearing

I will reconsider my decision. I do think

it is a serious offence.

Mr. Gardiner.—Would your Worship

consider the letter I hope to receive from

the owners?

His Worship.—Yes, I will consider that

as well.

WEST RIVER NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Wichow, January 6.

It is reported that in a few months'

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afternoon, so arriving in Canton in time for

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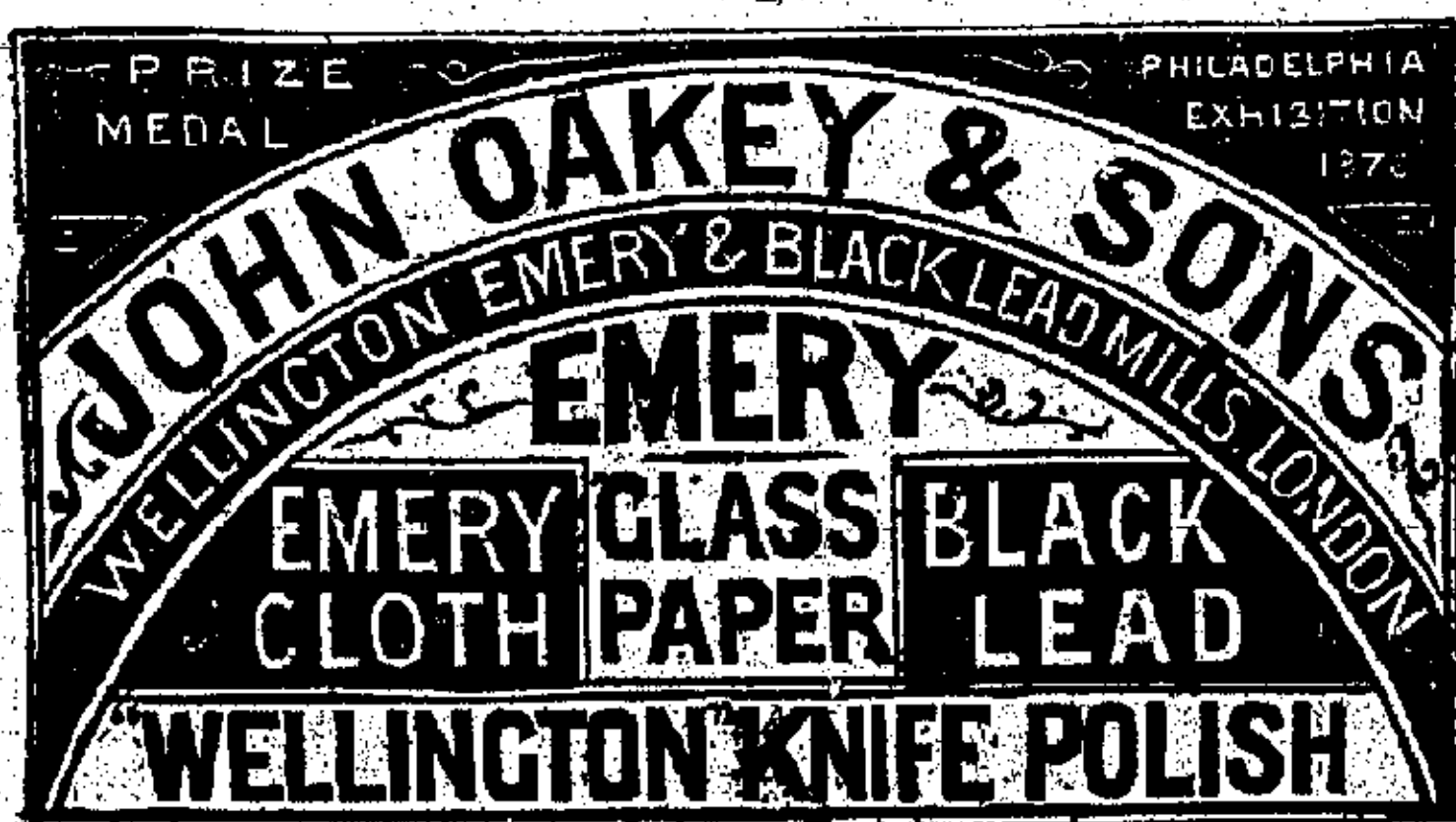
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NOTES FROM MACAO.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MACAO, 7th January.
Informal private parties gathered residents at free and easy year-end vigils in lieu of the time-honoured annual ball at Government House and the New Year was cordially hailed at the stroke of midnight by the lively rattling crackle of fireworks, the merry clang of the chimes and the tinkling of glasses. On the 1st inst. H.E. the Governor held the usual levee at 1.30 p.m. and streams of callers flowed in and out of Government House, the ecclesiastical, military and civil service bodies being fully represented as well as the Consular Service and native element.

An interesting little function took place at the offices of the *Vida Nova* on Saturday evening when a little party including Dr. and Mrs. Nolasco, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. A. da Silva, Lieut. and Mrs. J. Lobato, Mrs. and Mrs. P. N. da Silva jr. and Messrs H. Nolasco da Silva and P. A. Tavares sat down to a dainty supper in the editorial sanctum to welcome the issue from the press of the initial number of the new weekly. When the first sheet was brought in Dr. Nolasco, in a neat little speech, proposed success to the new venture which was heartily drunk. Mr. Tavares next raised his glass to the ladies who had graced the proceedings with their presence and suggested that the paper be handed round for signature by all present. The little act over, the sheet was carefully shelved.

On the evening of Sunday, the 3rd inst. at the Gremio Militar, the members and their friends were treated to a most interesting lecture by Dr. Silva Mendes on Leo Tze and his doctrines according to the Tao Te King. It was the first of a series of monthly discourses which the members are organizing. H. M. the King D. Manuel II. graciously presented the institution with a life-sized portrait bearing his autograph, and the inauguration of the royal gift was performed yesterday afternoon before a crowded house.

The merry brigades have kept things going pretty lively on the island of Yong Cam during the last few days and panic-mongers have been nothing loth to add to the prevailing uneasiness resultant from the status quo in the relations between Portugal and China, fanned by echoes of the Fashan affair, by throwing out dark hints that all is not quite right with the State of Denmark. The fact is that the bandits, or whatever else they be, are well equipped and often turn up in the guise of soldiers. That the state of affairs over the way was far from serene is a fact, so much so, that a contingent of troops was despatched to the spot, followed later by H. E. the governor in person. The gunboat Rio Lima also steamed out of port the same evening and only returned from her cruise about the outlying isles last night. From the officers' report, all is now quiet after what appears to have been but another periodic skirmish, only on a holder scale. On this side another daring raid has been perpetrated on a bamboo artisan's shop, where a gang of seven footpads surprised the inmates at their dinner and having bound and gagged their victims, ransacked the place and decamped with about \$800 in cash. On the same evening an old resident, Mr. Ed. Marques, was mysteriously relieved of private effects to the value of \$300.

What now takes the cake, is the word of warning issued complacently by the knights of the road to masters of pleasure craft carrying sportsmen up the river, to hoist a green light in order to obviate confusion with vessels otherwise freighted.

The gunboat Patria left Manila on Tuesday morning, the 6th inst.

A cablegram from Lisbon on Monday last confirmed the appointment of the delegates to the Opium Conference at Shanghai. They are Mr. O. Potter, Consul general for Portugal at Shanghai, and Mr. C. A. R. d'Assumpcao, Chief of the local Bureau for Chinese Affairs. The latter nominee is leaving here about the 14th inst.

The Sanyo Hotel at Shimonoosaki (Bakan) was burned on the 30th December.

Ten thousand rioters have been causing trouble outside the Liaoting peninsula, near Pitscow. Eight hundred Japanese troops were sent to restore order.

Some leaders of the Imperial Clan having presumed on their positions to violate the opium prohibition by the secret sale of the drug, the Imperial Clan Court and the Ministry of the Interior have agreed to ignore their rank and punish them as ordinary people.

Chinese papers declare that Yuan Shih-kai's dismissal is due to the fact that he has recently been impeached thrice. The most important impeachment is by Censor Chiang Chun-lin on twenty counts, implicating also Prince Ching. It is also reported that Yuan's dismissal is in connexion with the coup d'état in 1908, for the Prince Regent has not forgotten that his late brother's schemes of reform were nipped in the bud through Yuan Shih-kai warning the Ed. press Dowager. No secrecy surrounded Yuan Shih-kai's departure from Peking on the afternoon of January 5. He left by a special train for Changchun, and was accompanied by all his wives.

PULPIT ECHOES.

At Union Church on a recent Sunday this Rev. C. H. Hickling spoke as follows. Recently an Agnostic asked a friend, "What would you call a man who went to a fruit tree, when it was not the season for fruit and finding none, cursed the tree?" This person, like many in our day, is anxious to pick holes in Christ's coat and finds himself "up against a tough proposition." The fig tree incident is constantly referred to in this endeavor. It has been recently answered once again in the pages of the *British Weekly*, whose "Correspondence of Dr. David Smith" is always worth reading. Look at the narrative as given by Mark in the eleventh chapter, verses 12 to 14 and 20 to 25. Pithy in his Natural History, as well as many able botanists in recent times, noted the peculiarity of this species, viz. that it forms its fruit before its foliage appears. It is in this respect like the wisteria among flowering plants. It was scarcely the season for fruit yet, when Jesus descending the slope of Olives, that April morning, espied the solitary fig tree, conspicuous among the palms which lined the road. But, being advantageously situated, it had matured early. Having foliage, it should have had fruit. Jesus had a right to expect figs. Here is the answer to the Agnostic.

But why should he curse the senseless figs? Any course of the kind was abnormal in Jesus. M. Renan says here an instance of the irritability, which, he alleges, was generated in Jesus by the disappointments of His ministry, the deepening hostility of His enemies, and the gradual fading of His dream of winning the world. His natural gentleness seemed to have abandoned Him; He was sometimes harsh and capricious. Sometimes His displeasure at the slightest opposition led Him to commit inexplicable and apparently absurd acts." This hardly deserves comment. It is wonderful how an imagination working constantly in a given direction is able to distort. "Inexplicable" along such a line most certainly many things are in the life of Jesus. Does not this simply show that M. Renan was not on the right line for seeing clearly? This is the only miracle of cursing recorded of Jesus. In reality it is like all the others.

During His later visits to Jerusalem Jesus endeavored eagerly to win the obstinate city to faith in His messages and mission. He adopted the method which was characteristically Oriental and had been largely adopted by ancient prophets (vide, Ezekiel 4, 6, 8; Nahum 3, 18 and even Acts of the Apostles 21, 11). The method was congenial with the Jewish mind and served its purpose well. It started spectators and compelled attention if not reflection. Other such object lessons were the smearing of the blind man's eyes with clay, the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and the feet-washing in the upper room. This tree, very advantageously situated, fair in outward show, yet barren, was an apt emblem of Israel. Jesus had already compared the nation to such a tree and warned her of the doom, which, unless she mended her ways, was imminent (Luke 13, 6-9; compare Matthew 21). And now by the more startling method of an acted parable, He repeats the warning.

Thus viewed there is nothing of petulance or anger. It is a gracious, pathetic warning, a compassionate appeal. The character of Jesus emerges easily from this ignorant smartness such as that of the agnostic quoted. The question remains, What do you think of Christ? Is He grieving over us? Many danger signals are walking about and being carried about Queen's Road and Des Voeux Road as well as those to be observed in Happy Valley. But in moral every glaring failure may become a healthy fruitful success by union with Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

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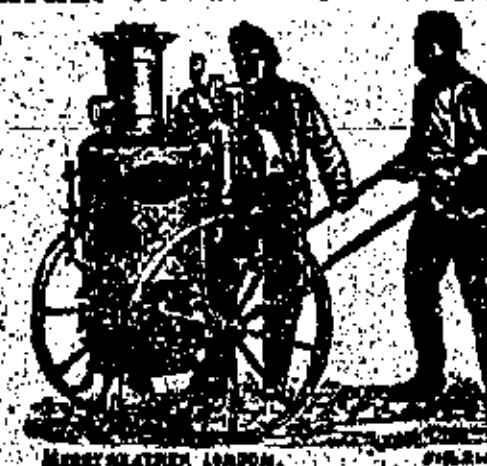
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On the 12th inst., at Victoria Hospital,
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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

230 p.m.—Auction of Lady's & Gent's
Silver E.P. Mounted Dressing Cases,
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Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

9 p.m.—Promenade at St. Andrew's Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Nobis—Discretion School Prize Distribu-
tion.
Goods per Delhi not cleared at 4 p.m. on
this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, January 14—

9 p.m.—Volunteer Ball.
Goods per Prince of Wales undelivered
after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, January 15—

Nobis—Auction of Valuable Leasehold
Property, at Messrs Hughes & Hough's
Sales Rooms.
Goods per Teno Mary undelivered at 5
p.m. on this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, January 16—

11 a.m.—Auction of High-Class Irish
Goods, at Messrs Hughes & Hough's
Sales Rooms.
Goods per Denbury undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, January 21—

5.15 p.m.—Annual Meeting of Y.M.C.A.

FRIDAY, January 22—

Chinese New Year.

SATURDAY, January 23—

Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, Private Secretary,
to H.E. the Governor, leaves by the
s.s. Delhi.

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The China Mail

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1909

HONGKONG RAINFALL FOR 1908.

The year's rainfall in Hongkong, as
registered at the Kowloon Observatory,
amounted to 91.37 inches, or 9 per cent
above the average (84.42 inches) for the
last 25 years. The distribution of rain
throughout the year did not vary ma-
terially from the average. January and
February were wet months, but when
the averages are only 1.46 inches and
1.75 inches respectively, excesses of 81
per cent and 68 per cent are not of
much importance. These excesses were,
moreover, almost exactly balanced by a
decidedly dry March. April was a wet
month with 11.15 inches against an
average of 5.88 inches. May was an
unusually dry month, but the five
usually wet months, May-September,
taken together produced a rainfall with-
in 1 per cent of the average. October
had an excess of about an inch; Novem-
ber was practically rainless, but as its
average is only 1.45 inches a deficiency
is not of much consequence, and it was
moreover balanced by an unusually wet
December, the rainfall for the last
month of the year beating the record
and amounting to 4.29 inches against
an average of 1.18 inches and a previous
maximum of 4.09 inches.The rainfall statistics of Hongkong
have their chief value in the relation
they bear to our water supply, and we
need therefore make no apology for
treating them from the point of view of
the Water Authority. It is not a wet year
merely, which produces plenty, and a dry
year a water famine, but much depends
on the distribution of the rainfall. If it
all comes down in excessive falls in the
middle of the summer, the reservoirs
overflow and a large quantity runs to
waste, but if the same quantity of rain
is more evenly distributed the reservoirs
are kept full to a later date in the
autumn and the dry season is con-
sequently shortened. The wet season of
1908, in common with those of the
previous two years, ended favourably
for waterworks purposes. September
had an excess of 4 inches and October
had 1 inch above the average. But this
series of favourable years and
comparative plenty which they have
brought about should not be allowed
to blind us to the fact that our
waterworks are—if not actually be-
hind the times—at best very little
ahead of them. We have had a
fairly wet summer, ending up with 19
inches against an average of 14 inches
in September and October, but in 1895
we had only 4 inches and in 1901 only
6 inches in those two months, in each
case following on an unusually dry
summer. What has happened before,
in rainfall affairs, may happen again,
and it is doubtful if our existing works
would be adequate to meet such years
as 1895 or 1901 without causing
considerable inconvenience in the
Colony.There is another point in which
rainfall seriously affects us—the heavy
storms, which cause such destruction in
the way of landslides and collapses of
retaining walls. We have not for years
had anything like such a storm as that
of 29th May, 1880, when 20 inches fell in
24 hours. It is four years since we had
as much as 10 inches a day; last year
the heaviest daily fall amounted to 7
inches. Without wishing to appear
prophets of evil, it must be pointed out
that, as in the case of droughts so in the
case of rainstorms, what has happened
before, will probably occur again, and
we shall, sooner or later, have much
heavier falls than we have had in recent
years, and then, if every precaution has
not been taken in maintaining drains
and catchwaters a great amount of
damage is sure to occur.We give below the monthly rainfall
for the year and a table showing the
yearly rainfall since the Observatory
was started.

RAINFALL AT HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

1908 1884-1908.

	Mon.	Max.	Min.
JANUARY.....	2.64	1.48	8.43
FEBRUARY.....	2.83	1.75	7.05
MARCH.....	7.76	2.86	11.49
APRIL.....	11.15	5.88	14.89
MAY.....	1.43	12.29	48.84
JUNE.....	15.84	16.38	34.37
JULY.....	22.27	12.77	38.24
AUGUST.....	12.06	14.29	27.87
SEPTEMBER.....	13.72	9.64	30.60
OCTOBER.....	5.44	4.56	37.87
NOVEMBER.....	1.4	1.45	7.32
DECEMBER.....	4.29	1.18	4.29

YEARLY RAINFALL AT HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

	Inches.
1884.....	75.42
1885.....	108.92
1886.....	69.17
1887.....	66.29
1888.....	104.66
1889.....	119.72
1890.....	70.93
1891.....	117.12
1892.....	90.97
1893.....	90.35
1894.....	104.26
1895.....	45.83
1896.....	72.79
1897.....	100.03
1898.....	57.03
1899.....	72.69
1900.....	73.73
1901.....	55.78
1902.....	97.50
1903.....	95.86
1904.....	80.43
1905.....	70.95
1906.....	77.30
1907.....	93.55
1908.....	91.37
25 years mean.....	84.42

HEADACHE SORES in many forms and
is caused by various causes.
There are six kinds, namely: bilious headache,
nervous headache, etc. Sufferers from
this ailment.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

For failing to exhibit regulation lights
while in the harbour a master of a cargo
boat and a master of a junk were each
fined \$15 at the Marine Court to-day.China tea is again coming into favour
in England and if the market is only
carefully nursed, we should shortly see a
big revival in this industry.Mr J. R. Robinson summoned his
cook at the Magistracy this morning for
leaving his service without giving proper
notice. Defendant was fined \$10.Sir George Arbuthnot was released
from the Madras Penitentiary on December
21, having been let off a portion of his
sentence owing to good conduct in jail.The Standard Oil Company's four-
masted steel barque, Comet, from Japan to
New York, has run ashore at Pulau Tujoh,
two hundred miles from Singapore.A cook in the employ of Mr C. H.
Gale, of 1 Des Voeux Villas, the Peak,
was fined \$10 by Mr Kemp, at the
Magistracy, to-day, for pouring boiling
water over a dog.There were 394 European and 186
Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library,
and 194 European and 2,631 Chinese
visitors to the Museum during the week
ending 10th January.From W. G. Humphreys and Co.,
Agents for the General Accident, Fire and
Life Assurance Corporation, Ltd., we have
received a leather bound diary and note
book remarkable for its usefulness and
elegance.It is officially announced that the Ger-
man Government will establish at Kienchau
a High School for Chinese students at a
cost of \$15,000. China has promised to
subsidize the institution, and also to provide
suitable scholars whose educational status
will be acknowledged by admitting them to
State examinations and State offices.The Chinese Customs returns show a
slight increase on the estimates, says the
Peking correspondent of the N. O. Daily
News. There is an improvement in the
returns from Chungking, Hankow and
Yangtze ports. The principal points of
decrease are Shanghai with a drop of \$1.
1,400,000 and Tientsin, \$15,500,000.A Washington telegram dated January
7 says:—A terrible blizzard has swept
from the Rocky Mountain country to the
Atlantic. It has done tremendous damage.
Tens of thousands of horses, sheep and
cattle have perished while hundreds of
people are reported frozen to death. The
snow is piled twenty feet deep on some of
the western railroads. All traffic has been
interrupted.Acting on the suggestion of Prince Ito,
the Korean Emperor has paid a visit to
Fusan, to inspect conditions in Southern
Korea. His reception was very cordial.The date of Lady Violet Elliot's wedding
has been fixed for the 20th instant, at St.
Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta. The Rangum
Municipality has given her a wedding gift.Mr J. B. Sutor, Commissioner in the
East of the N. S. W. Government, is pass-
ing through Hongkong on his way to Java.
He hopes to be back in Hongkong in
March.The Crown Princess of Germany re-
cently sold a diamond tiara secretly for
\$5,000, and gave the money to the widows
and orphans of the victims of the colliery
disaster at Radod, in Prussia.The latest news to hand of Sir Haviland
de Saumarez, Judge of H. B. M.'s Supreme
Court for China and Korea, is to the effect
that he has undergone a third operation
for appendicitis, which, it is satisfactory to
state, has proved more successful than the
previous ones, and it is hoped that within a
very short time he will be once again
restored to good health. His leave of
absence has been extended for a period of
six months, and he is expected to return to
Shanghai sometime in October.By the Thosens to-day Mr and Mrs A. N.
Huke leave for England. Mr Huke is
retiring from business after nearly twenty
years' service in the Far East. The good
wishes of a host of friends accompany Mr
and Mrs Huke to the Homeland. The son of
a "Norwich" physician and born in the
house which once sheltered Sir Thomas
Browne, the author of Religio Medici, and
Coke, the famous lawyer, Mr Huke was
bred up in the atmosphere of books and we
hope he will be roused after many years to
enjoy his earned leisure.SUGGESTED SOLDIERS AND
SAILORS HOME AT MACAO.The Vids News advocates the necessity
of building a Soldiers' and Sailors' Club
at Macao, a suggestion well made, in order
to "instruct and keep soldiers and
sailors, as is done in all European coun-
tries, well behaved and disciplined. A very
elaborate article on this subject was pub-
lished in our contemporary's second issue,
dated the 10th inst., and it strongly appeals
to Governor Almeida to take the matter
in hand as soon as possible for the benefit
of both soldiers and sailors. The reasons
set forth are very soundly stated, and
we have no doubt that the Portuguese
Government will not hesitate to give the
matter their best consideration.

LADY LUGARD.

The following Bulletin was issued at
Government House this morning:—
Lady Lugard has not had a good night,
but her condition is otherwise satisfac-
tory.

G. P. JORDAN.

12.1.09.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

As will be seen in our advertisement
columns, Harmston's Circus will open here
on Monday next, 18th inst. The genial
manager, Col. Bob Love, is that making
arrangements and tells us the ever popular
circus is larger and better than ever.
There are thirty all star London and Con-
tinental Artists, who will give many varied
turns, the principal of which are the mar-
vellous Frant-Troops of lady and gentlemen
acrobats; the World's greatest sensation,
looping the loop, where William Schultz
outdoes the once famous Angelotti. Will-
iam Schultz, it is stated, will leap the gap
at the top of the loop for the space of 22
feet, turning a complete somersault upside
down while doing so; and there is also Jean
and Paul Royale's most up-to-date animal
act in the world. Two full grown tigers
will be harnessed to a chariot and driven
round the cage by a bear.Those who remember previous visits of
the circus will look forward with eagerness
to their opening night and those to whom
it will be new can take our word for it that
the entertainment is refined, up to date,
and well worth spending an evening at.PROVINCIAL SYNOD CONFER-
ENCE AT THE ROMAN
CATHOLIC MISSION HOUSE.The opening of the above Conference
took place on Sunday morning at the
Roman Catholic Cathedral, starting with
a Solemn High Pontifical Mass officiated by
His Lordship Bishop Mazot (of Foochow),
the President of the Synod, in the presence
of three other Bishops, their Lordships
Bishops Clemente (of Amoy), Mallet (of
Canton), and Pozzoni (of Hongkong),
together with over 30 priests. The
service which started at 8 a.m. and con-
cluded at 10.30, was a very imposing
and impressive one. Besides the
officiating Prelate, his three colleagues
were all attired in their Pontifical robes.
The Cathedral was nicely decorated for the
occasion and all the seats fully occupied.
The Choir was well mustered under the
direction of Mr O. Baptista. We under-
stand the second session of the Conference
will be held on Thursday next, and very
likely His Lordship Bishop Clemente will
be the officiating Prelate at the morning
service.

VICTORIA CINEMATOGRAPE.

Nightly at the Cinematograph the Misses
Montez and Miss Laura Diamond entertain
large audiences with their pleasing singing
and clever dancing and both artists are
received most favourably. This week the
attraction is "A Trip by the Peak Tram."
Everyone ought to see this magnificent film.CHINESE CUSTOMS' EXAMINA-
TION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, January 9.

Last July there was an examination for
entrance to the Customs College in Peking.
The original intention was to choose five
students from each of the five treaty ports,
Tientsin, Shanghai, Hankow, Fuchow and
Canton, but from Canton alone twenty-
four students, who had passed, sailed about
a fortnight ago. As this number con-
siderably exceeds five, the president of the
college, Mr Chan, has been ordered by the
Acting Inspector General of Customs to
hold another examination of the Canton
students of whom five have to be chosen and
the others sent back.

FROM A NOVA SCOTIA PUBLISHER.

Mr. H. C. Harris, publisher of the
N.S. Advertiser, Kentville, N.S., makes
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Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for myself
and family and find it to be one of the best
medicines for coughs and colds that I ever
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keepers.SOME people are loth to believe that a
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possess all the good medicinal qualities of
the oil, free from fat. A trial of this
grand tonic—Searle's Wine of Cod Liver
Oil—will convert the most sceptical.REIMS
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Hongkong, November 18, 1908.

SWISS CHURCH DISAS-
TER.THIRTY-ONE KILLED BY
FALL OF ROOF.(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters,
via Bombay.)
London, January 11.As the result of the collapse of the
roof of a church at Nar, Switzerland,
31 persons were killed and 50 injured.AFTER THE EARTH-
QUAKE.ITALIAN CHAMBER ADOPTS
RELIEF BILL.(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,
via Bombay.)
London, January 11.The Italian Chamber at Rome passed
the Earthquake Bill on the 9th inst.
By its terms it is agreed to add a sur-tax
of one-fiftieth to certain existing taxes
for the next five years for the benefit
of sufferers, and also that all unclaimed
property in the earthquake zone shall
be applied for the relief of the needy
and the support of orphans.ROOSEVELT'S GROWING
UNPOPULARITY.

FRENCH MAIL BOAT IN COLLISION.

DUTCH STEAMER SUNK AT SINGAPORE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, January 12.

While leaving Tanjong Pagar wharf, the M.M. Co's steamer Polynesian, bound for China, ran into and sank the Dutch steamer Djambil. Seven natives were drowned, but the Polynesian was able to proceed.

While avoiding the Polynesian the British-India s.s. Testa ran ashore, but her damage is not serious.

[The Polynesian carries the French mail of December 20th and the mails from London of the 19th December. She is expected to arrive at Hongkong on the morning of Monday, January 18th.]

SHANGHAI EDITOR RELEASED FROM PRISON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 12.

Mr Henry O'Shea, the editor of the China Gazette, who was recently committed to prison for libelling Judge Wilford of the American Court, was released to-day.

THE WHANGPOO CONSERVANCY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, January 12.

The libel case brought by the company dredging the Whangpoo reclamation against Mr Nielsen, of the China Gazette, was begun in the Danish Court to-day, and was adjourned until 27th January.

ALLEGED CHINESE DEPARTMENT ABUSES.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, January 11.

The Prince Regent has ordered an investigation to be made into the numerous abuses which are said to be prevalent in the Imperial Household Department.

CHINA'S MINISTER TO GERMANY.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, January 11.

Yin Chiang, the newly-appointed Minister to Germany, was received in audience by the Prince Regent before his departure to-day.

YUAN SHIH-KAI'S DISMISSAL.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, January 11.

Imi Shan, Vice-President of the Board of Education, has presented a memorial to the Throne to the effect that in the present state of transition in China's affairs a highly creditable Minister such as Yuan Shih-kai was ought not to have been dismissed without adequate reasons.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

To-morrow morning, at 11.30 o'clock a special Memorial Service for those who were killed in the terrible calamity in the South of Italy will be held at the St. Joseph's Church by the Rev. Dr. P. Pozzani. His Lordship will be assisted by all his local clergy. Chev. P. Volpielli, Italian Consul, Captain Marquis Cusani Visconti, officers and men from the Cruiser Puglia, will be also be present and the Italian community is especially invited to attend.

HEAVY RAIN AT CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, January 9.

From Wednesday to last night there was an incessant down-pour of rain, and yesterday thunder was heard here and in Fatsien. There is a belief among the Chinese that thunder in winter is a sign that there will be a failure of the crops during the following year. With the failure of the crops last year, and the present scarcity of rice, yesterday's rain is causing in this anxiety to many of the people, especially the farmers. It is reported that the price of rice has already gone up a little, whether due to an increasing scarcity or to the rain, it is impossible to say.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT ST STEPHEN'S GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The annual prize distribution in connection with St Stephen's Girls' College and Preparatory School took place this afternoon. His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard presenting the prizes.

His Excellency was attended by Captain Taylor and was accompanied by Miss Henniker and Mrs May. Amongst those present were the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Rev. C. Bunbury and many others.

The Lord Bishop of Victoria presided and in addressing the large gathering His Excellency paid a very high tribute to the excellent work of the staff and the nobility of the Chinese girls. The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai who took a very prominent part in all the good works in the Colony for the betterment of his fellow nationals. His Excellency mentioned that Lady Lugard had wished him to express to them her deep regret in being prevented by indisposition from attending and distributing the prizes and it was her earnest wish as it was his, that the Chinese girls should grow up to be an intelligent and sympathetic help to their husbands in whatever profession or business in which they may be engaged.

His Excellency then distributed the prizes.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

A £2 Dividend and 5% Bonus.

We are officially authorised to state that, subject to audit, the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will recommend at the forthcoming meeting a Dividend of £2 per share, and a Bonus of 5% per share. Also that there be added to the Reserve Fund \$500,000, and carried forward about \$2,000,000.

AN OBSERVATORY FOR CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, January 9.

The Canton authorities are proposing to establish an observatory somewhere in Canton and to engage an astronomer. Plans are being prepared for its construction and funds are being collected for the purchase of the necessary apparatus.

CORRESPONDENCE.

COMFORT ON CARS.

(To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.)

SIR, We have heard a lot about the cruelty to rats that have to be killed and cruelty to fowls that have to be eaten, but what about the cruelty to a foreigner who travels by the 7.5 a.m. car from Causeway Bay to Sui-kwan paying ten cents only to be perished with cold? Those who paid five cents have screens on either side to protect them from the icy blast, not so the 7.5 a.m. car, for on the weather side, particularly, screens were conspicuous by their absence.—I remain, etc.

PERISHED.

PORTUGUESE GUNBOAT PATRIA AT MACAO.

The Portuguese gunboat Patria anchored in Macao harbour on the 8th inst., at 2 p.m. She is commanded by Captain-Lieutenant Jayme A. Frisco, and was expressly built by the Portuguese residents at Brazil and has a tonnage of 630 tons, with 1380 horse power and carries eleven guns. The officers are as follows:—1st Lieutenant Emilio Gagean, second in command; second Lieutenant José Carlos da Maia, Daiziano de Mello Brandao; Surgeon, José Pinto Vazquez; Chief engineer, David Silva de Neves; 2nd and 3rd engineers, Antonio da Silva Borges and João Baptista Estanislau Mosqueira; Paymaster, João Antonio Ferreira Lopes and 4 midshipmen. She is very efficient and comparatively newly-built.

WANCHAI CONVENT DINNER.

Owing to the building of a new wing at the Wanchai convent now going on, it was necessary to divide the arrangements for accommodating the dinner party to the aged inmates into four departments. The ground floor of the Schools was allotted for the Chinese women, about 60 or 70; two rooms on the first floor for European women and girls, and a room annexed for European aged women. In the hospital quarters were seated about 30 blind women and girls in one room, in others a few invalids partook of dinner in their beds. Next to the Hospital a table was placed outside for destitute men both European and Chinese. It was a grand scene for one who has never seen such a miscellaneous gathering. Meals, cakes, fruits and sweets were abundantly provided for these poor creatures, and they seemed to be very happy.

SHIP'S OFFICER SHOT IN SAIGON HOTEL.

Saigon papers report a tragedy which occurred at the Marine Hotel at Saigon, on December 17, when M. Berretto, second officer of the steamer Doria, was shot fatally. It appears that M. Berretto went to interview a lady staying at the hotel having, he said, a commission from her husband who is now in Siam—Mme. de Roqueville. They had not been in conversation for long before an individual entered the room in which they were conversing. Shots were heard and a man, known by the name of Surron, was seen leaving the place. This man said that Berretto had tried to strike him and then left the hotel. M. Berretto afterwards appeared. He was terribly wounded and sank to the floor. Mme. de Roqueville also appeared covered with blood and scarcely able to stand. The victims were placed in a rickshaw and taken to the hospital where it was found that Mme. de Roqueville had been seriously wounded in the left breast and the palm of the hand. M. Berretto received two revolver wounds which killed him almost at once.

The assassin surrendered himself to the authorities, to whom he made a statement to the effect that his two victims owed him money and had refused to pay. According to M. Berretto, M. Berretto was an extremely popular officer. It is hoped that Mme. de Roqueville will make a speedy recovery.

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, December 11.

LORD ROSEBURY ON NATIONAL DEFENCE.

Lord Rosebury is a towering figure in Imperial politics. For long spaces of time he remains inactive and silent, almost abandoning public life; then, suddenly, he breaks out, takes the front of the platform, and becomes the "honorary orator of the nation." A preacher to others of imperative duties, though meekly in matters of spade work, he himself seems incapable of sustained labour even when the issues are of the most vital. How often has it to be said, if only he were less brilliant and had more of steady purpose!

At present Lord Rosebury is in one of his higher moods. Last week he electrified Parliament, and won the admiration of friend and foe by his attack on the Licensing Bill. Now he has delivered a powerful appeal to the youth of Scotland to take more seriously the question of military service and national defence. The occasion was a small one, the presentation of prizes to the Leith battalion; but when he speaks it is not to the local gathering, the whole nation is his audience, his speeches "read so well." Clad in his new uniform of President of the Mid-Lothian Territorial Association, he took as his text "the clear duty that lies on all able-bodied men to join the defensive forces of the country." He will not be accused of being either a Chauvinist or an alarmist. Sometimes he has been suspected, on the strength of phrases he has let drop, of underrating the danger that may possibly assail us from the side of Germany. And he is not disposed to lay weight on the bellicose and "lawless talk" of irresponsible individuals and journals on the Continent. Personally he does not believe that Germany or any other civilian Power would be guilty of the "unprecedented act of perfidy" of directing an attack on this country without warning or protest. But he cannot disregard the fact that the idea of invasion by a foreign enemy is entertained as a conceivable and substantial national risk "by persons competent to judge on such matters," and that, if this risk is overlooked or insufficiently prepared for by persons in authority, "it becomes a matter of some anxiety to the people of this country to know whether we are safe or not."

After wavering round this theme, as in his manner, he came to a definite conclusion on the whole matter. "I myself am a believer in the Swiss system, by which every able-bodied man is compelled to be trained for a short time, so that at any rate he may be capable at a pinch of being produced as an efficient soldier; and I believe that you will never be quite safe from such apprehensions as are indulged in at this moment till the nation makes up its mind to adopt a like system. And then, if Mr. Haldane's scheme should break down, you will inevitably, whether you like it or not, have to fall back" on the Swiss system. This pronouncement is of distinct importance, even with its Rosebury-like indebitation. He has never yet so fully committed himself. He was one of the most interested listeners of Lord Roberts' speech in the House of Lords, and this plea for universal military training, may be put down on the result of the arguments of the veteran Field Marshal.

BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

In its weekly article on *The King's Outpost*, the *Shanghai News* compares the attitude of the peoples in Great Britain and Japan to the question of national defence. It says, "If Japan were situated in our narrow seas, and if she possessed our Navy, no German military officer would be able to say that, in temporary absence of Fleet, it was possible to land 150,000 Germans on her shores. Why so? Simply because the Japanese are a patriotic people, who are prepared to spend and be spent for the defence of their country. They are a nation in arms. With a poor population, not more numerous than our own, they can yet place a million of trained men in the field. If we had a million trained men in Great Britain, would there be any fear of invasion under any circumstances? Not the shadow of a shadow of fear. Are we prepared to admit, therefore, that British patriotism is trivial and contemptible in comparison with Japanese patriotism? Are we?"

Such expressions of opinion are now common in our press, and are evidences of a slow growth of feeling in favour of compulsory military training.

GENERAL HADGROVE ON THE TERRITORIALS.

Lieutenant-General Sir Henry MacKinnon, Director-General of the Territorial Army, informed a gathering of the Lowland Divisional Engineers at Rutherglen, that in his opinion "things were going on very well." One advantage of the scheme was that they had a large number of Regular officers whose exclusive duty it was to look after the Territorial troops. It was intended, he said, to encourage week-end camps, where the men could get good training without interfering with their civil occupation. Whatever the War Office did to increase the efficiency of the force, it was thoroughly recognized by them and by the country that all the men had their civil duties to think of first, and soldiering could only come in their spare time.

SPORTING.

Football.

HAPPY VALLEY JUVENILES V. ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BOYS.

A soccer game was played on the Parade Ground on Saturday afternoon between the Happy Valley Juveniles and the St. John's Cathedral Boys. It was a poor game from a football point of view, as the Happy Valley Boys outclassed the St. John's and ran home winners by no less than 10 goals to 0. For the winners Hoskins scored 8 and Goldenberg 4. These two played by far the best game. Brett and Reardon shined for the St. John's.

Billiard Championship of Hongkong.

This match between Mr Hinds and Sergeant Pitt was concluded last night in the St. Andrew's Hall. There was a very good attendance, nearly every seat being occupied. After the players had been introduced to the audience by Mr A. Shallen Hooper, who, in doing so, thanked the promoters for bringing the aspirants for championship honours together, and affording all lovers of the game an opportunity of seeing the best play in the Colony, the match was started shortly after nine o'clock.

The game was 1,000 up. After bringing for precedence Hinds broke with the spot and gave a miss in bull. Scoring was slow at first, both players not seeming to be at home. The light had evidently something to do with this, as shortly after the first few breaks had been made all lights in the room were extinguished, except of course, those immediately above the table. The play continued uninteresting for some time, both players being apparently of colour or suffering from nerves, till Hinds brought his score over the first century by a pretty break of 32, including a clever massé cannon ball, sailing at his next shot. The score then was Hinds 107 and Pitt 73. Points now came more freely, Hinds playing up to his usual finished style, though being unfortunate when his breaks promised to be big ones, and Pitt succumbing at some very risky shots. Hinds now put on several breaks of over forty and one of 63, (the highest break of the evening), off a lucky stroke, potting the red when attempting a long cannon. The score at half-time stood at Hinds 250, Pitt 209. After the interval Hinds continued to score freely, making breaks of thirties and forties and one of 62. In an 18 break he executed a fine massé shot which elicited loud applause. When at 789 (Pitt 427) he went off entirely and his opponent began to improve. For some time Hinds could only increase his score by threes and fours, his best effort for a while being a six. Pitt was playing steadily and a break of 35 brought his total over 500, following soon afterwards with a 42. Hinds then again got his eye in and with a pretty unfinished 48 ran out, amidst loud applause from the enthusiastic audience.

The general verdict after the match, which could not have been otherwise, was that the better man won, though his opponent played a plucky game. The loser did not have the same command over the balls as the man who had played with the world's champions.

SHANGHAI OPIUM COMMISSION.

M. Ratard, Consul-General for France at Shanghai, M. Brenier, Sub-director of Agriculture and Commerce of Indo-China, who presided at the last Mission Lyonnaise on Extreme-Orient, and M. Cornillon, first class Inspector of the Customs and Monopolies Departments of Indo-China, have been appointed French representatives on the Shanghai Opium Commission.

Mr C. Denby, U.S., Consul-General at Shanghai, will take the place of Dr Tenney in the American Delegation, and his colleagues are Dr Hamilton Wright and Bishop Brent.

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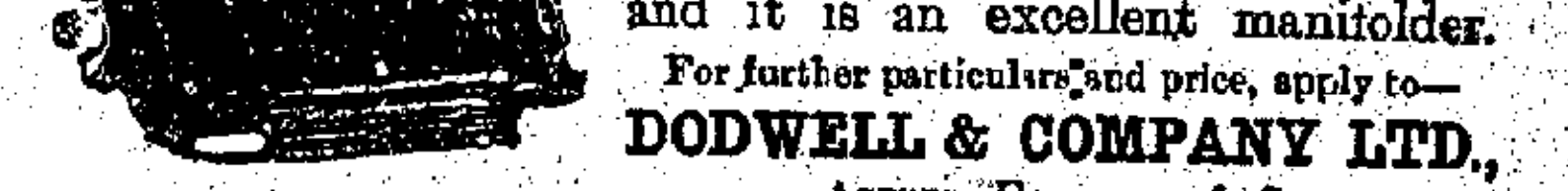
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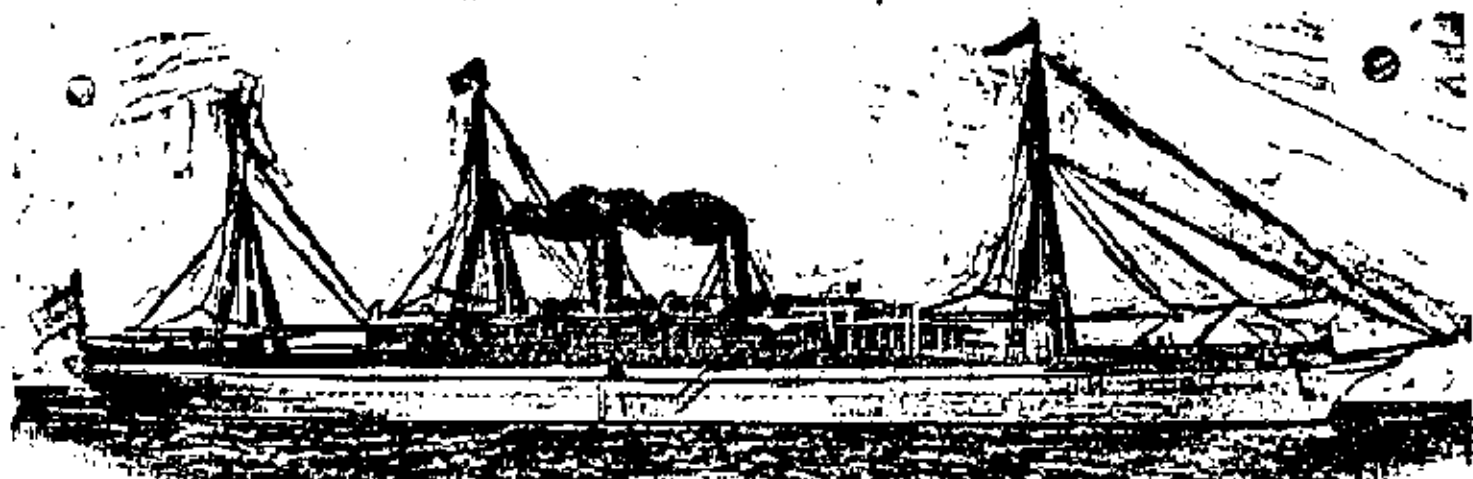
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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, KING'S BUILDING.

S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Jan. 14, at 4 p.m.
PAKHOI & HUPHONG	CHINCHU	Jan. 15, at 10 a.m.
HOLO & CEBU	NANCHANG	Jan. 15, at 4 p.m.
DALNY	TAMU	Jan. 16, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	CHINA	Jan. 20, at 8 p.m.
CEBU & HOLO	SUNGLANG	Jan. 21, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PT. DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, with transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE & PERTH	CHANGSHA	Jan. 31, at 4 p.m.

MANILA STEAMERS & TIENTSIN STEAMERS have superior passenger accommodation, with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms and Dining Saloon.

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation, with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms. A daily qualified Surgeon is carried. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

SHANGHAI STEAMERS have good Saloon Passenger accommodation and take cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

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REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

THE CO.'S S.S.	FOR	DEPARTING
YERIMO MARU, Capt. N. KAWAYASHI	ANPING & TAKAO	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan., at 4 p.m.
BUJUN MARU, Capt. Y. FUKURO	SHANGHAI, Via SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan., at Daylight.
JOSEPH MARU, Capt. Y. KAWABARA	TAMU, Via SWATOW AND AMOY	SUNDAY, 17th Dec., at 8 a.m.

These New Steamers have excellent accommodation of First and Second-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Cabin Amidships. Unvalued Table.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

For	STEAMERS	To SAIL, 1909
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & BREMEN	DRIFFLINGER, Capt. G. Meisner	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	LUTZOW, Capt. C. Deyers	THURSDAY, 14th Jan., at Noon.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, SAMARAI, BATAVIA & SINGAPORE	PRINZ SIGISMUND, Capt. D. Lenz	THURSDAY, 14th Jan., at 5 p.m.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	PRINZ SIGISMUND, Capt. D. Lenz	FRIDAY, 8th Jan., at Noon.
KUDAT AND SANDAKAN	BORNEO, Capt. F. Semblil	end of January

For further particulars, apply to

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MISSION OF THE FLY.

Although by far the most deadly and dangerous insect as a carrier of infection, the fly had hitherto received but little serious attention considered as a power of harm-doing, declared Dr. Armstrong, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, at a conference in London of the National Union of Public Health Authorities. Undoubtedly the fly had a mission. As a deputy nuisance inspector his services were useful.

But his appointment was irregular, his action was erratic, he was under no supervision or direction, and in the performance of his function he was perpetually interfering with, and annoying to, every person with whom he came into contact.

We had not yet attempted to estimate the loss of life and injury to health due to him. It was high time definite action was taken by the sanitary authorities to restrict the sphere of his operations.

BUDGET PROSPECTS AT HOME.

Ministerialists are more than ever alarmed, says the *L. and C. Express*, at the prospects of next year's Budget, and are constantly asking themselves how the Chancellor of the Exchequer will raise an inevitable deficit of twenty millions at least. Some expedient besides higher licence duties must be devised. Taxation of land values is being loudly demanded by a large section of the Liberal party, and there is little doubt that Mr Lloyd George views the clamour with favour. Proposals for graduated income-tax are also being brought under his notice; and it seems probable that he will go in for the plan of super-tax which Mr Asquith adopted in regard to the death duties last year. According to present advice, the scheme is to impose a tax in addition to the shilling in the pound already enforced upon incomes of £5,000 a year and upwards. This super-tax would begin at 1s., and rise by degrees to 6s., which rate would, it is believed, be applicable to incomes of £50,000 per annum.

GERMANY AND THE FAR EAST.

In his speech in the Reichstag on 7th Dec. Prince Bulow, the Chancellor, said:—With reference to the agreement concluded by the United States and Japan regarding their interests in the Pacific, I may say that the contents of that agreement were officially communicated to us by the representatives of the two Powers concerned, and we saw from these communications that the fresh agreement was absolutely in accord with the principles underlying German policy in the Far East, namely, the "open door" in economic matters, the status quo in the territorial situation, and the integrity and independence of the Chinese Empire. We have no reason to regard otherwise than with sympathy an agreement which forms a fresh support of these principles and consequently a further guarantee of the peaceful development of the Far East. In opposition to the view that Germany is disagreeably affected by the agreement between Japan and the United States, or even entirely left out in the cold, I will point out that we ourselves have long possessed a similar agreement with Japan; for Japan, by an exchange of Notes, has expressly adhered to the Anglo-German Agreement of 1900, in which the principles of respect for the treaty rights of both parties, the territorial *status quo*, and the policy of the "open door" in China were asserted. There is, therefore, as little question of our being left out in the cold in the Far East as in Turkey or elsewhere.

Prince Bulow has supplemented his remarks about the Far East by the following communication to the *Süddeutsche Reichs-correspondent*:—Japan's declaration of her adhesion to the Germano-English exchange of Notes of October 16, 1900, took place on the 20th of the same month. By this declaration Japan intimated, in a binding form, her agreement with our policy of the maintenance of the independence and integrity of China, as well as of the open door in the opening up of the Chinese Empire. But simultaneously Germany's position in Kiaochow was recognised by Japan in the same agreement. Such recognition lies in the opening words of the Germano-English agreement, in which it is stated that the contracting parties make this agreement with the object of maintaining their interests in China and their rights under existing treaties. According to this, there can be no doubt that the German position in Kiaochow, as well as our interests in East Asia, are legally sufficiently covered by international agreements. As for the actual attitude of Japanese policy towards us, it has been repeatedly declared at Tokyo that Japan regards our efforts in the Far East, and particularly our position at Kiaochow, without mixture of hostile feeling, and will permit no doubt to arise as to her fidelity to the contract.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

From	STEAMERS	To SAIL
SHANGHAI	WOSANG	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	CHIFSHING	THURSDAY, Jan. 14, at 4 p.m.
SINGAPORE	KUTSANG	FRIDAY, Jan. 15, at Noon.
Calcutta	HANGSANG	FRIDAY, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	YUENSANG	FRIDAY, Jan. 15, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	AMARA	MONDAY, Jan. 18, at 4 p.m.
SINGAPORE	KUMSANG	TUESDAY, Jan. 19, at Noon.
Calcutta	NAMSANG	THURSDAY, Feb. 4, at Noon.

FOR THE MANILA CARNIVAL—Feb. 2nd to 9th, 1909.

Special reduced fare of \$50 for Return Passengers will be issued for our Sailings to Manila of the 29th January, and 5th February, available for 30 days from date of issue. Passengers taking out these tickets are exempt from the Head Tax.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chetoo, Tientsin & Newchwang.

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STEAMSHIP	FOR	LEAVING
HAIMUN	SWATOW	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan., at Noon.
HAIYANG	SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	FRIDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
HAITAN	SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	TUESDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon.

For the convenience of Passengers, Steamers will arrive at, and depart from, the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

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Kamo Maru - (Capt. F. L. Sommer). About Tues., 26th Jan.

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Miyasaki Maru () About Wed., 24th Mar.

Atsuta Maru () About Wed., 22nd April.

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Hongkong, December 30, 1908.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATES, 1909.
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.	RINGO MARU, Capt. A. Christensen, Tons 6247	WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan., at Daylight.
	KAWACHI MARU, Capt. H. Petersen, Tons 6101	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Feb., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, Via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND YOKOHAMA	TANGO MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, Tons 7463	TUESDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon.
	AKI MARU, Capt. J. Nagao, Tons 6444	TUESDAY, 2nd Feb., at Noon.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, Via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE & PERTH	KUMANO MARU, Capt. N. Hashimoto, Tons 1076	FRIDAY, Jan. 22, at Noon.
	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 3817	FRIDAY, 19th Feb., at Noon.
BOMBAY, Via SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO	CEYLON MARU, Capt. Fred. Payne, Tons 5088	THURSDAY, 14th Jan., at Noon.
	KAGESHIMA MARU, Capt. T. Arakawa, Tons 4687	SUNDAY, 17th Jan., at Noon.
MOJI & KOBE	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, Tons 3817	TUESDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon.
KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU, Capt. O. B. Butler, Tons 6184	SATURDAY, 23rd Jan., at Daylight.

* Outfitting Yokohama. † Cargo only.

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T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

Hongkong, November 2, 1908.

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THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS	Leave to Colombo	Connecting Steamers from Colombo to MARSEILLES & LONDON	Due at MARSEILLES (Brindisi) Days earlier	Due at LONDON (1 day later)
DELHI.....8000	Jan. 23	VICTORIA.....7000	Feb. 20	Feb. 27
DEVANHA.....8000	Feb. 6	MOORE.....11000	Mar. 6	Mar. 13
BRITANNIA.....7000	Feb. 20	MOULTAN.....10000	Mar. 20	Mar. 27
DELTA.....8000	Mar. 6	OHINA.....8000	Apr. 3	Apr. 10
MAEDONIA.....10500	Mar. 20	(through steamer)	Apr. 17	Apr. 24
DELHI.....8000	Apr. 3	MALTA.....11000	May 1	May 8
DEVANHA.....8000	Apr. 17	MONGOLIA.....10000	May 15	May 22

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.
Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is arranged in Hongkong at time of booking.
In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following:-

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WILL LEAVE FOR

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STEAMERS	Leave Hongkong	Due at LONDON
FILE.....7000	Jan. (1909) 13	Feb. 28
SUNDA.....6000	Jan. 27	Mar. 13
NYANZA.....7000	Feb. 10	Mar. 27
MALTA.....8000	Feb. 24	Apr. 10
NORE.....7000	Mar. 10	Apr. 24
PALAWAN.....5000	Mar. 24	May 9
SCHATRA.....5000	Apr. 7	May 22
PALMA.....5000	Apr. 21	June 6

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* Carry 1st and 2nd Saloon Passengers.

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TO AUSTRALIA.

MAIL SCHEDULE.

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.)

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
EASTERN	11th Jan., 1909.	4th February.
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A special inducement to intending Visitors to the PHILIPPINE CARNIVAL, we are offering a reduced fare of \$60 for passage to Manila and return by our s.s. Zafiro sailing SATURDAY, the 30th January. Tickets issued at this reduced rate will be available for return by either the S.S. Zafiro leaving Manila on 7th February, or the s.s. Rubi leaving Manila on 13th February. For Freight or Passage, apply to
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TJIKINI	JAVA	Second half of January	JAPAN	Second half of January
TJILATJAP	JAVA	First half of February	SHANGHAI	First half of February
TJIBODAS	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TJIPANAS	JAVA	Do.	SHANGHAI	Do.

THE Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Northern-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

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THE Company's Steamship

POLYNESIESE,
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above ports on or about MONDAY, the
18th inst.P. DE CHAMPAGNE,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 11, 1909.

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STRAITS, OCEAN, AUSTRALIA,
INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITER-
RANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND
LONDON.Through Bills of Lading issued for BATA-
VIA, PERSIAN GULF, CON-
TINENTAL AMERICAN AND
SOUTH AFRICAN PORTSTHE Steamship 'DELHI,' Captain J.
D. Aspinwall, R.N.R., carrying His
Majesty's Mail, will be despatched for
this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY,
the 23rd January, 1909, at Noon, taking Pas-
sengers and Cargo for the above ports in
connection with the Company's Steamship
Victoria, 7,000 tons, from Colombo, Pa-
cific, and Valparaiso, all Cargo for France,
Silk and Valparaiso, all Cargo for France,
and for London (under arrangement) will
be conveyed by the Company's mail
steamer proceeding to Marseilles and
London; other cargo for London, &c., will
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Parcels will be received at this Office
until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The
contents and value of all packages are
required.For further Particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 9, 1909.

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AUSTRIAN NAVIGATION
LLOYD'S STEAM COMPANY.STEAM TO
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND
KOBE.

THE Co's Steamship

SILEZIA,
Captain RADONICH, will leave for the
above places on TUESDAY, the 19th inst.,
p.m.This steamer has capital accommodation
for Passengers, Electric Light, and carries
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SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
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Prince's Building,
Hongkong, January 9, 1909.

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AUSTRIAN NAVIGATION
LLOYD'S STEAM COMPANY.STEAM FOR
TRIESTE DIRECT, Calling at
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BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEDZ
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BLACK SEA, LEVANT, YANKEE AND
AFRICAN PORTS.)THE Company's Steamship
PERLA,
Captain BARZOL, will be despatched as
above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 20th
January, 1909.This Steamer has capital accommoda-
tion for passengers, Electric Light, and
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Freight, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
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Prince's Building,
Hongkong, December 28, 1908.

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'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS,
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FOR LONDON, ANTWERP AND
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THE Steamship
CAENARVONSHIRE,
will be despatched for the above ports
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Hongkong, December 24, 1908.

Notice to Consignees

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Co's Steamship Kamsang having
arrived from the above Ports, Con-
signees of cargo by her are hereby informed
that their goods will be delivered from
alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or re-
maining on board after 4 p.m., the 13th
inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 11, 1909.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANT-
WERP, LONDON, COLOMBO
AND SINGAPORE.

The Co's Steamship 'Awa Maru',
having arrived from the above Ports, Con-
signees of cargo are hereby in-
formed that their Goods are being landed
and placed at their risk in the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Co., Limited, whence and or
from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th
January, 1909, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 23rd January, 1909, or they will not be
recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 16th January, at
11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 9, 1909.

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'BEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BENLARIQ.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP,
LONDON AND STRAITS.CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby in-
formed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Co., Limited, whence and or
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recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 16th January, at
11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 9, 1909.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
STEAMER DELHI.FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
named Vessel are hereby informed
that their Goods are being landed
and placed at their risk in the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Co., Limited, whence and or
from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th
January, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns where they
will be examined on the 14th of January,
at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 18th
of January, 1909, or they will not be
recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELBOURNE & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 7, 1909.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship 'Fookong'
having arrived from the above Ports
Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby
informed that their goods will be delivered
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-
ing on board after 4 p.m., the 9th inst.,
will be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 6, 1909.

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SOUTH MANCHURIA RAILWAY
SHORTEST AND QUICKEST ROUTE
BETWEEN
CHINA & EUROPE, via DAIREN (DALNY).

MAIN RAILWAY LINE—Semi-Weekly Express Service from Dairen to Chang-
chun (Kwanhsung), in connection with Siberian Express trains at Harbin, by a
train composed of excellently equipped Sleeping and Dining Cars expressly built
for the Railway by the Pullman Car Co.

BRANCH RAILWAY LINES:
Ryongun Line—For Ryongun (Port Arthur), 2 hours from Dairen.
Yingkou Line—For Yingkou (Newchwang), 3 hours from Tashichiao Junction,
Aryu-Hsiao Line—A light railway from Mukden to Antung-Hsiao connecting
with the Korean Railway.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE—Regular Direct Weekly Service by the fast Passenger
Steamer 'Kosei Maru' (2,877 tons) sailing from Dairen every Monday and from
Shanghai every Friday, in connection with the South Manchurian Express and
Trans-Siberian Route (International Train de Leste).

RAILWAY HOTELS—YAWATO HOTEL (Tel. Ad. 11, 'Yamato').
DAIREN (Dairen), PORT ARTHUR and CHANGCHUN (Kwanhsung),
all managed by the Company and provided with every convenience, luxury, and
comfort.

TICKET AGENTS in the FAR EAST & EUROPE:—Messrs THOS.
COOK & SON, and the INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR and EXPRESS
TRAINS CO.

FUSHUN COAL
FUSHUN COLLIERIES—Fushun Steam Coal is supplied at Dairen, Yingkou, &c.
Fresh stock always on hand.

SOUTH MANCHURIA RAILWAY COMPANY, DAIREN.
TEL. AD. 11, 'MANCHU'. CODES: A.B.C., 5th Ed., A.I., and LIEBKE'S.
Hongkong, January 1, 1909.

Notices to Consignees

THE
OCEAN STEAMSHIP
CO., LTD.AND
THE CHINA MUTUAL
STEAM NAVIGATION
CO., LTD.

Notice to Consignees.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo ex

THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP
and THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANIES' steam-
ers are hereby notified thaton and after 1st JANUARY,
1909, all cargo ex these steamers
will be landed into HOLT'S
WHARF, KOWLOON, whichwill be open from that date to
receive and store cargo.For Storage Rates and other particulars
apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents:
THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP Co., Ltd.
THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAV. CO., Ltd.
HOLT'S WHARF.

Hongkong, December 14, 1908.

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,
SHANGHAI AND JAPAN.CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship
TENYO MARU
The above named Vessel having
arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
notified to send in their Bills of Lading for
counter-signature, and to take immediate
delivery from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
vessel will be landed at once at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 5 p.m.,
on MONDAY, the 11th January, 1909,
will be landed and stored at Consignees
risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
All Cargo undelivered on FRIDAY,
January 16th, 1909, at 5 p.m., will be
subject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo
will be examined at the above Company's
Godown on THURSDAY, the 14th Jan.,
1909, at 10 a.m.

S. SILVERSTONE,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 8, 1909.

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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
PRINZ SIGISMUND,
having arrived, Consignees of cargo are
hereby informed that their Goods, with
the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valu-
ables, are being landed and stored at their
risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kow-
loon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,
Kowloon and West Point Godowns, whence
delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the
goods have left the Godowns, and all goods
remaining undelivered after the 14th of
January, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns where they
will be examined on the 14th of January,
at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 18th
of January, 1909, or they will not be
recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELBOURNE & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 7, 1909.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Wigg of the Hongkong Observatory:—
On the 12th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen quickly in E. Japan, and fallen considerably to moderately over the N.E. coast of China and the Loochoos respectively.
A depression, which will probably move towards N.E., has developed over the Pacific to the South of the Micronesia.
Areas of high pressure are lying over the N.E. part of the Sea of Japan, and the Upper Yangtze.
Foggy mists may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and moderate to fresh monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.
Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—
FORECAST DISTRICT.
1.—Hongkong and Neighborhood: N. N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.
2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Loochoos: Same as No. 1.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

To-day's Advertisements

THEATRE ROYAL.

BIJOU TROUBADOURS

FOR TWO WEEKS.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!

(TUESDAY), January 12th, and

WEDNESDAY, January 13th.

'BABES IN THE WOOD'

THURSDAY and FRIDAY,

January 14th and 15th.

HARVESTERS IN CLOVER.

SATURDAY, January 16th,

SPECIAL MATINEE, 3.30.

BABES IN THE WOOD.

SATURDAY and MONDAY,

January 17th and 18th.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY,

January 19th and 20th.

BLUE BELL IN FAIRYLAND.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY,

January 21st and 22nd.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND.

A late Tram will run to the Peak 15

minutes after the performance.

Plan now open at the

ROBINSON PIANO CO., LTD.

Hongkong, January 6, 1909.

TO LET.

FURNISHED, in March, for eight

months, 5-roomed Bungalow con-

venient to tram, 129, BAKER ROAD.

Further particulars, apply

A. E. GRIFFIN,

C/o LEASE & ORANGE.

Hongkong, January 12, 1909.

THE OWL GRILL ROOM

HAS REMOVED

TO MORE COMMODIOUS PREMISES

29 & 31, DES VEXIS ROAD,

Near the MUTUAL STORES.

SPECIAL RATES FOR MONTHLY CLIENTS.

Tiffin ... \$20 per Month.

FULL BOARD ... \$40.

JUST LANDED

American Salmon, Corned Oysters, Yar-

mouth Bloaters, Pickled, English

Haddock, and

New Zealand, Whiting and Blue Cod.

PAPER'S SMALL GOODS ALWAYS ON HAND.

HARRY NEWBOLD, Proprietor.

Hongkong, May 19, 1908.

BEST TINNED

PROVISIONS

TO BE HAD AT

H. RUTTONJEE & SON,

Wine & Provision Merchants.

Hongkong, February 27, 1908.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE

ITALIANA.

(FLORE & RAVENNA UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR BOMBAY

VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail

Steamers to Port Said, Messina,

Naples, Leghorn and Genoa, also

Venice and Trieste, all Mondays.

ITALY, AFRICA, LANTERN and SOUTH

AMERICAN PORTS up to CAIRO.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to PERLIN

GOLF and BAGDAD, also BANGALORE,

VALICATA, ALGERIA, ALEXANDRIA and

MALAGA).

The Steamship

CAPRI.

Captain FERRARI, will be despatched for

the above ports on THURSDAY, the 14th

inst., at Noon.

For further particulars regarding Freight

and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 12, 1909.

To-day's Advertisements

VICTORIA BRITISH SCHOOL.

SCHOOL RE-OPENS FRIDAY, 15th

inst. Particulars on application to

HEADMASTER.

Hongkong, January 12, 1909.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT

SOCIETY.

HEAD OFFICE: 87, FIFTY STREET, SYDNEY.

LOST POLICY.

IT is the intention of the Society on or

after the Twenty-fifth day of January

next, to issue Special Policies in place of

Policies No. 22508, 22123, 27124,

27125, 27568, on the life of Taro Chae

which are declared to have been lost.

Dated at Sydney this Seventeenth day

of December, 1908.

ROBERT B. CAMERON,

Secretary.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO.,

LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this

Company will be held at the Company's

OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on THURS-

DAY, the 23rd January, 1909, at 11.30

o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving

the Report of the Directors together with

Statement of Accounts for the year ending

31st December, 1908.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the

Company will be CLOSED from TUES-

DAY, the 19th January to THURSDAY,

the 23rd January, (both days inclusive),

during which period no Transfer of Shares

can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to the West Point

BUILDING CO., LTD.

Hongkong, January 12, 1909.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-

MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this

Company will be held at the Company's

OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on THURS-

DAY, the 23rd January, 1909, at 12 o'clock

Noon, for the purpose of receiving

the Report of the Directors together with

Statement of Accounts for the year ending

31st December, 1908.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the

Company will be CLOSED from TUES-

DAY, the 19th January to THURSDAY,

the 23rd January, (both days inclusive),

during which period no Transfer of Shares

can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 12, 1909.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Correspondence for Europe via Siberia,

is forwarded from Hongkong by all vessels

sailing for Shanghai.

Approximate times of closing mails at

Shanghai via Dally and Siberia.

22nd January at 9.00 a.m.

23rd January at 8.30 p.m.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Mails will close:—

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CO-

LOMBO.—

Per Nippon, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, the

13th Jan.

For CHERIBON.—

Per Nippon, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday,

the 13th Jan.

For TAMSUI.—

Per Nippon, at 10 a.m., on Wednes-

day, the 13th Jan.

For SWATOW & SHANGHAI.—

Per Nippon, at 3 p.m., on Wednesday,

the 13th Jan.

For ANPING & TAKAO.—

Per Nippon, at 3 p.m., on Wed-

nesday, the 13th Jan.

For SWATOW & BANGKOK.—

Per Nippon, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday,

the 13th Jan.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOM-

BAY.—

Per Nippon, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the

14th Jan.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PORTER.—

The German Contract Packet Drifflinger

will be despatched on WEDNESDAY,

the 13th January, with mails for the

United Kingdom, the Continent of

Europe and countries beyond, via

Brindisi to the Straits Settlements,

Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, (via

Tientsin), Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c.,

&c.

Printed Matter and Samples at 10 a.m.

Registration at 10 a.m.

Registration, with late fee of 10 cents,

up to 10.45 a.m.

No late fee.

Letters at 11 a.m.

Late Letters 11 to 11.30 a.m. Extra

Postage 10 cents.

(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes

in time for the first clearance will be

included in this contract mail).

NOTICE!

JUST RECEIVED

A VERY

SMART ASSORTMENT

Ready to wear Hat

FOR THE

PRESENT SEASON.

M. GAINES,

HOTEL MANSIONS

(over Messrs Kras & Co.)

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

January 11.

Zafiro, British str., 1,618, R. Rodger.

Manila Jan. 9, Hong, Sugar and General.

—SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

January 12.

N.E. British str., 6,664, E. P. Martin.

R.N.R. Tokohoma Dec. 23, General.—P.

& O. S. N. Co.

Drifflinger, German steamer, 9,633, G.

Meiners, Yokohama Jan. 2, and Shanghai

9, Mails and General.—Mitsubishi & Co.

Tijmaki, Dutch steamer, 2,403, J. N.

Boutan, Macassar January 3, General.—

JAWA-CHINA-JAPAN-LINE.

Arabia, German steamer, 2,668, O.

Neumann, Portland, Or., Dec. 1, General

and Four.—PORTLAND & ASTORIA STEAM-

SHIP CO.

Hainan, British str., 633, J. W. Evans.

Swatow January 11, General.—DOUGLAS

STEAMSHIP CO.

Ceylon Mail, Japanese str., 3,142, F. L.

Pyne, Kobe via Moji January 6, General.

—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Chiffo, British str., 1,143, Lindbergh.

Haiphong and Hoihow Jan. 10, Rice and

General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Nanchang, British str., 1,044, W. J.

Miller, Waikiki Jan. 7, General.—BUTTER-

FIELD & SWIRE.

Rajahmundry, German steamer, 1,180, H.

Brumer, Bangkok January 3, Rice.—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Ariake Mar., Japanese str., 2,183, S.

Ota, Moji Jan. 6, Coal.—M. B. K.

Victoria, Swedish str., 389, T. Eckert.

Selsvik Jan. 4, Coal.—SANDER, WIELER

& Co.

Pwong, British str., from Canton.

Tosuan, Chinese str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

January 12.

Bentley, for Yokohama.

Peking, for Shanghai.

Jacob Diercksen, for Canton.

Dagun Mar., for Swatow.

Awa Mar., for Kobe.

Shima, for Tsingtau.

Gleason, for Singapore and London.

Kaiser, for Singapore and London.

Kwong, for Canton.

Idomarus, for Shanghai.

Onyang, for Kobe.

Chinwang, for Singapore.

Yantai, for Shanghai.

Kowloon, for Chinkiang.

Kwang Ping, for Chinkiang.

Haining, for Swatow.

Tean, for Manila.

CLEARED

Andaman Mar., for Kuching.

Masung, for Sandakan.

Orange Branch, for Daru.

Johanne, for Saigon.

Thine, for Bangkok.

The for Saigon.

Nippon, for Singapore and London.

Yokohama Mar., for Swatow.

Yokohama Mar., for Amoy.

Kwang, for Amoy.

Kwang, for Amoy.

Drifflinger, for Europe, &c.

PASSENGERS

ARRIVED.

Per Zafiro, from Manila, Mr and Mrs

G. N. Lamb, Mrs N. Davis, Mr and Mrs

L. M. Smith, Mrs Petersen, Mr O. H.

Fernandez, Lieut. S. B. Jordan, Messrs F.

M. Smith, W. B. Knight, Petersen and

Daguerre.

Per Nippon, from Shanghai: for Hongkong,

Mrs A. Hassan, Messrs S. Smith and W.

Brundt; for Penang, Miss Rayer; for

Marselles, Mr and Mrs Tomlin, Mr and

Master Wright; for London, Mr and Mrs

Robertson, Mr J. Innocent and child, Mr

and Mrs. Nutter and children, Mr. H. H.

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